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E.O. 12065: GDS 12117/84 (BURKE, JOHN) OR-M
TAGS: UR, OREP, GY, CDES, PINT
SUBJ: PEOPLE' TEMPLE REQUEST TO THE USSR REVEALED AS
CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE JONESTOWN DEATHS CONCLUDES

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY [signature] DATE 3/2/81
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

1. TESTIMONY THE CORONER'S INQUEST ENDED
AT 3 P. M. LOCAL DECEMBER 17 WITE THE VERDICT PROMISED BY PRE-
SIDING MAGISTRATE FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20. WHILE MOST OF
TEE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN TEE LAST THREE DAYS OF THE INQUEST
PRODUCED LITTLE INFORMATION NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE LAST
WITNESS, ASST POLICE COMMISSIONER CECIL ROBERTS, UNEXPECTEDLY
INTRODUCED IN EVIDENCE LETTERS WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED ALONG WITH
A SUITCASE FULL OF AMERICAN AND GUYANESE CURRENCY FROM THREE
SURVIVORS WHO HAD FLED JONESTOWN ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS/
SUICIDES(NOVEMBER 18). THESE LETTERS REVEAL THAT
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE HAD MORE THAN $7,000.000 IN ACCOUNTS WITH
BRANCHES OF TWO SWISS BANKING FIRMS IN PANAMA, AND THAT
THE LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE' TEMPLE, ON THE FINAL
DAY, HAD DIRECTED THAT THESE FUNDS BE PAID TO FEODOR TIMOFEYEV,
PRESS AND CONSULAR ATTACHE OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN GEORGETOWN
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FOR ULTIMATE TRANSMISSION TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR.
2. OF THE LETTERS SUBMITTED AS HAVING BEEN FOUND BY THE
POLICE INTHE POSSESSION OF TIMOTHY AND MICHAEL CARTER AND MICHAEL
PROKES, TWO ARE ADDRESSED TO OFFICES OF THE BRANCHES OF THE UNITED
BANK OF SWITZWERLAND AND THE SWISS BANKING CORPORATION, BOTH IN PANAM-
A.
THE LETTERS DIRECT THAT THE FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THESE ACCOUNTS, AS
THE DEPOSITS MATURE, BE PAID TO TIMOFEYEV. A COVERING LETTER, ADDRES
SED
TO TIMOFEYEV, STATES THAT WITH THE LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE BANKS,
HE SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE CLAIMING THE FUNDS AND THAT HE SHOULD
FORWARD THE FUNDS FOR THE USE BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR
FOR THE PARTY'S VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. ANOTHER LETTER, ALLEGEDLY
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PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBER- MARIA KATSARIS DIRECTS THAT ALL OF THE MONEY IN ANOTHER ACCOUNT IN THE BANCO UNION DE VENEZUELA ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION. NO AMOUNT IS SPECIFIED IN THIS DOCUMENT WHICH IS HAND-WRITTEN IN THE FORM OF A WILL.

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4. TODAY'S INQUEST WAS WELL COVERED BY FOREIGN PRESS CORPS INCLUDING REPORTERS FROM THE ASSOCIATES PRESS, NEW YORK TIMES, CHICAGO TRI-
BUNE, SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, LOS ANGELES TIMES.

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